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SUBJ: CODEL REUSS/BENTSEN: TRIP WRAP-UP

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1. CODEL REUSS/BENTSEN LEFT PEKING MARCH 29 BY TRAIN FOR SHANTUNG PROVINCE, ACCOMPANIED BY FAN KU-HSIANG AND CHOU SHAN-YEN, DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEFS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (CPIFA) AND FOUR OTHER CPIFA STAFF MEMBERS. THEIR FIRST STOP WAS THE CITY OF TZUPO, WHERE THEY VISITED THE SHENGLI OIL REFINERY, THE TZUPO SILK WEAVING FACTORY AND THE TZUPO PORCELAIN FACTORY. THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 30, THEY WERE GUESTS AT A BANQUET HOSTED BY CHU HSIANG-SHENG, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE TZUPO MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE.

2. AFTER AN EVENING TRAIN RIDE AND AN OVERNIGHT IN WEIFANG, THE CAPITAL OF CHANGWEI PREFECTURE, THE DELEGATION WAS TAKEN TO VISIT SHIHIACHUANG PRODUCTION BRIGADE, WHICH LIES DIRECTLY SOUTH OF WEIFANG IN LINGHO COMMUNE OF ANCHIU COUNTY. SHIHIACHUANG IS EVIDENTLY A MODEL BRIGADE WHICH HAS MADE IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS SINCE THE 1950'S. THE DELEGATION WAS TREATED THERE TO A LUNCH HOSTED BY WU KUNG-JUNG, BRIGADE LEADER, AND WU YUNG-FU, A MODEL
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WORKER WHO IS BOTH A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANCHIU COUNTY REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE (CPPCC).

3. THE BALANCE OF THE VISIT TO CHANGWEI PREFECTURE WAS TAKEN UP WITH A VISIT TO THE WEIFANG DIESEL ENGINE FACTORY AND A SHORT STOP AT THE WEIFANG FINE ARTS INSTITUTE. THE DELEGATION THEN

TOOK THE TRAIN ONCE MORE TO TSINAN FOR A STAY OF ONE AND A HALF DAYS.

4. THE PROGRAM IN TSINAN INCLUDED A MORNING OF SIGHTSEEING TO THE THOUSAND BUDDHA HILL AND TO TA MING LAKE, A PARK IN THE OLD CITY. IN THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 1, THE DELEGATION VISITED THE SHANTUNG MEDICAL COLLEGE, WHERE THE PROGRAM GAVE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS TO RESEARCH ON VOICE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE INVENTION OF AN ARTIFICIAL LARYNX. THAT EVENING, A BANQUET WAS HOSTED BY YANG PO, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANTUNG PROVINCE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. THE FOLLOWING MORNING WAS DEVOTED TO A VISIT TO THE TSINAN NUMBER 2 MACHINE TOOL FACTORY AND TO THE PROVINCIAL MUSEUM.

5. AFTER FLYING TO NANKING LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 2, THE DELEGATION ATTENDED A PERFORMANCE BY A LOCAL YOUTH ACROBATIC TROUPE. THE FOLLOWING DAY'S PROGRAM INCLUDED A VISIT TO THE KIANGSU AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE, THE NANKING BRIDGE, AND SIGHTSEEING AT THE SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL.

6. THE DELEGATION'S FINAL STOP WAS SHANGHAI, WHICH THEY RACHED THE EVENING OF APRIL 3. THERE VISITS WERE ARRANGED TO THE SHANGHAI BALLET SCHOOL AND THE TSAO YANG DISTRICT WORKERS' HOUSING, AS WELL AS AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE BY THE SHANGHAI PUPPET THEATER OF "MONKEY THREE TIMES DEFEATS THE WHITE-BONED DEMON." TO CAP THE SCHEDULE IN SHANGHAI, DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO A RECEPTION AT WHICH THEY MET A NUMBER OF LOCAL

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DPUTIES TO THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND THE CPPCC.

7. WHILE THE SCHEDULE WAS AS USUAL FAST-PACE, DELEGATION MEMBERS SEEMED QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE ITINERAR. CPIFA HOSTS DEMONSTRATED THAT THEY HAVE ACQUIRED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FLEXIBILITY IN SETTING MORNING DEPARTURE TIMES AND CATERING TO MEMBERS' DESIRES FOR FREE TIME. WHILE THE HOSTS ENGAGED IN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROBING OF DELEGATION ATTITUDES VIS-A-VIS NORMALIZATION, USLO IS NOT AWARE OF USE OF ANY HEAVY-HANDED DEBATE TACTICS.

8. DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL FACTORY AND OTHER FACTORY VISITS WILL FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.
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